

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending. In the April 17, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 as being based upon a defective reissue Oath or Declaration under 35 U.S.C. § 251. The Examiner also required new formal drawings in the present Reissue application.

Enclosed herewith is a Supplemental Reissue Declaration, executed by each of the three named inventors, which identifies the foreign applications to which the original U.S. patent claimed priority.

New formal drawings are enclosed herewith, overcoming the objections set forth by the draftsman.

Applicants surrender the original ribbon copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,602,811, which is also enclosed herewith, to place the present Reissue application in condition for allowance.

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If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call either of the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

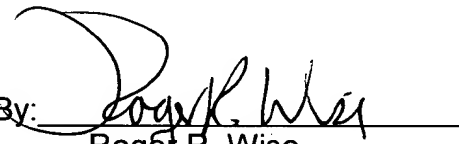
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Enclosures: (1) Supplemental Reissue Declaration
(2) Formal Drawing Figures (Nine (9) Sheets)
(3) Original Ribbon Copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,602,811